Enhanced Delta Smelt Monitoring

Preliminary Abundance Analysis Phase 3 Sampling

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Overview

Beginning July 2017, the Enhanced Delta Smelt Monitoring (EDSM) program started its Phase 3 sampling program. The Bay-Delta has been divided into eight geographic strata:

- Western Delta
- Suisun Bay Marsh (Suisun Bay and Marsh)
- Lower Sacramento
- Cache Slough LI (Cache Slough and Liberty Island)
- Sac DW Ship Channel (Sacramento Deep Water Shipping Channel)
- Upper Sacramento
- Lower San Joaquin
- Southern Delta

Sampling locations are generated using a generalized random-tessellation stratified (GRTS) design [1] with stratification and equal probability sampling. Trawling gear similar to that used in the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Spring Kodiak Trawl Survey is used to conduct multiple tows per location.

Everything presented here is preliminary and subject to correction, revision, and improvement. The following points should be taken into consideration when interpreting the results:

- 1. Delta smelt caught in the wings of the net (as opposed to the live box or cod end) were excluded from this analysis. Fish caught in the wings are indicated by a Gear Condition Code of 9.
- 2. The Week designations used here were defined out of convenience and are subject to change.
- 3. Current sampling is limited to areas of the Bay-Delta with a depth of at least 8 feet at mean tide. The abundance estimation method used here assumes that the density of fish in unsampled areas (i.e., those with depth less than 8 feet) is the same as in sampled areas (i.e., those with depth greater than or equal to 8 feet).
- 4. The methods of analysis used here remain in development.

Change Log

Report date July 10, 2017:

No changes.

Report date July 14, 2017:

• Sample volume corrections were made for tows in Suisun Bay Marsh during Week 1. This resulted in an increase in the abundance estimate for that week.

Report date July 21, 2017:

- Total sample volume has been added to Table 1. Sample volumes are subject to correction.
- In some strata, a single tow was conducted at one of the sites in contrast to the standard two tow minimum. This change in procedure necessitates changes to the statistical model. While these changes are in development, simple stratified ratio-expanded estimates will be shown in Table 1.

Report date July 28, 2017:

• No changes since last report.

Report date August 4, 2017:

 Sampling in the Southern Delta has been temporarily suspended as catches are expected to be low based on historic data and conditions are expected to be inhospitable. During this time, the number of sampling sites in other strata may increase as resources allow.

Report date August 11, 2017:

Sampling for the week of August 7th occurred between Monday and Friday. This report includes data
collected between Monday and Thursday; the remaining data will be included in the next report.

Report date August 18, 2017:

• Samples collected in Suisun Bay Marsh on Friday August 11th (Week 6) that were not included in the last report are now included, and the estimates for Week 6 have been recalculated. A correction has been made to Week 5 to account for the fact that one site in Suisun Bay Marsh had a single tow due to weather.

Report date August 25, 2017:

No changes since last report.

Report date September 1, 2017:

• No changes since last report.

Report date September 8, 2017:

Sampling for the week of September 4th occurred between Tuesday and Friday. This report includes
data collected between Tuesday and Thursday; the remaining data will be included in the next report.

Report date September 15, 2017:

• Data collected on Friday September 8th have been incorporated into this report. Sampling in the Southern Delta will resume starting the week of September 18th.

Report date September 22, 2017:

• Sampling for the week of September 22nd occurred on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. This report includes data collected on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; the remaining data will be included in the next report. A correction was made to the total sample volume from Week 3.

Report date September 29, 2017:

Data collected on Friday September 22nd have been incorporated into this report.
 Sampling for the week starting September 25th occurred on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.
 This report includes data collected on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; the remaining data will be included in the next report.

Report date October 6, 2017:

• Data collected on Friday September 29th have been incorporated into this report.

Previous reports used estimates of strata volume extending to the estuary bottom. For consistency with sub-adult/adult abundance estimation analyses outside of EDSM, the volumes in this report have been changed to estimates of strata volume extending to a depth of 4 m. This has resulted in the abundance estimates being reduced.

Report date October 13, 2017:

 Sampling occurred between Tuesday October 10th and Friday October 13th this week. Data collected Tuesday through Thursday have been incorporated into this report. Data collected Friday will be included in the next report.

Report date October 20, 2017:

- Data collected on Friday October 13th have been incorporated into this report.
- During the week of October 10 13, sampling in the Western Delta was limited to one site in the eastern portion of the Western Delta because of poor air quality from the North Bay fires.
- Sampling for this week, October 16 20, is taking place Monday through Friday. Data collected on Friday will be included in the next report.

Report date October 27, 2017:

• Data collected on Friday October 20th have been incorporated into this report.

Report date November 3, 2017:

No changes since last report.

Report date November 13, 2017:

- The data analysis procedure has been updated to exclude tows with a Gear Condition Code of 3. Code 3's cover a variety of scenarios that result in a "poor" sample for example, net blockage by vegetation. This has resulted in changes in the total number of tows, total volume sampled, and abundance estimates for some weeks.
- Bubble plots of catch density have been removed to reduce the size of this file.

Report date November 17, 2017:

Some minor corrections have been made to sample volumes from previous weeks.

Report date November 24, 2017:

- Sampling for the week of November 20th occurred on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.
 This report includes data collected on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; the remaining data will be included in the next report.
- Some minor corrections have been made to sample volumes from previous weeks.

Report date December 1, 2017:

• Data collected on Friday November 24th have been incorporated into this report.

Results

Table 1: Delta smelt catch summary and abundance estimates by week. An asterisk (*) is used to emphasize weeks when no delta smelt were caught and a dash (-) is used to indicate that sampling did not occur or that a quantity could not be calculated. In order to avoid confusion, weekly totals are currently only calculated when sampling has occurred in every stratum. Sample volumes are in cubic meters. Values in blue use a stratified ratio-expanded estimation method that does not account for EDSM's stopping rules.

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| Total 20 117 32 383,265 |
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| Week 3: July 17 - 20, 2017 |
| Western Delta 4 32 0 120,388 0* |
| Suisun Bay Marsh 2 7 10 13,558 422,161 87,309 1,277,610 |
| Lower Sacramento 2 9 0 14,552 0* |
| Cache Slough LI 2 4 27 5,117 360,756 45,363 1,354,263 |
| Sac DW Ship Channel 2 6 40 8,721 112,926 13,984 426,429 |
| Upper Sacramento 2 16 0 53,937 0* |
| Lower San Joaquin 4 20 0 40,021 0* |
| Southern Delta 6 48 0 199,987 0* |
| Total 24 142 77 456,281 895,843 271,688 2,217,295 |
| Week 4: July 24 - 27, 2017 |
| Western Delta 4 26 2 116,912 36,030 6,089 119,693 |
| Suisun Bay Marsh 2 10 2 18,635 37,340 3,573 154,831 |
| Lower Sacramento 2 11 0 23,195 0* |
| Cache Slough LI 2 9 0 16,140 0* |
| Sac DW Ship Channel 2 2 62 2,660 573,986 395,952 805,229 |
| Upper Sacramento 2 16 0 62,159 0* |
| Lower San Joaquin 4 20 0 49,623 0* |

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| | | | | | Estimate and 95% CI | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Stratum | Number of Sites | Number of Tows | Number Caught | Total Sample Volume | Abundance | Lower Bound | Upper Bound |
| Southern Delta | 6 | 45 | 0 | 187,128 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Total | 24 | 139 | 66 | 476,451 | 647,357 | 445,671 | 909,671 |
| Week 5: July 31 - August 3, 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Western Delta | 8 | 52 | 8 | 265,007 | 45,755 | 12,742 | 118,790 |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | 5 | 15 | $\overset{\circ}{4}$ | 29,564 | 47,075 | 14,531 | 115,343 |
| Lower Sacramento | 2 | 7 | 1 | 12,931 | 13,454 | 1,660 | 50,879 |
| Cache Slough LI | 2 | 10 | 0 | 15,046 | 0* | - | - |
| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 7 | 2 | 13,950 | 7,598 | 1,522 | 23,350 |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 16 | 0 | 52,469 | 0* | - | 20,000 |
| Lower San Joaquin | $\frac{2}{4}$ | 19 | 0 | 32,335 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Southern Delta | 0 | - | - | | - | _ | _ |
| Total | 25 | 126 | 15 | 421,302 | - | - | - |
| Week 6: August 7 - 11, 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Western Delta | 6 | 43 | 1 | 201,700 | 2,078 | 287 | 7,517 |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | 4 | 15 | 3 | 30,984 | 41,169 | 12,762 | 100,626 |
| Lower Sacramento | 2 | 10 | 0 | 19,214 | 0* | 12,702 | 100,020 |
| Cache Slough LI | 2 | 7 | 1 | 11,903 | 8,862 | 1,539 | 29,087 |
| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 10 | 0 | 15,586 | 0* | - | 27,007 |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 16 | 0 | 68,334 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Lower San Joaquin | 5 | 19 | 2 | 41,841 | 15,870 | 4,601 | 40,294 |
| Southern Delta | 0 | - | _ | - | 13,070 | 1 ,001 | 40,274 |
| Total | 23 | 120 | 7 | 389,562 | - | - | - |
| Week 7: August 14 - 17, 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Western Delta | 7 | 35 | 4 | 167,373 | 10,010 | 2,904 | 25,405 |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | 4 | 33 16 | $\frac{4}{4}$ | 30,210 | 56,147 | 18,340 | 133,111 |
| Lower Sacramento | 2 | 10 | 0 | 21,592 | 0* | 10,540 | 155,111 |
| Cache Slough LI | 2 | 10 | 0 | 16,495 | 0* | - | - |
| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 8 | 1 | 15,409 | 1,598 | 221 | 5,777 |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 14 | 0 | 45,647 | 0* | 221 | 3,111 |
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| Lower San Joaquin Southern Delta | 0 | 20 | 0 | 40,189 | 0 | NA | NA |
| Total | 23 | 113 | 9 | 336,916 | - | - | - |
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| Week 8: August 21 - 24, 2017 | ρ | 40 | 2 | 217 070 | 7 (00 | 2 042 | 16 244 |
| Western Delta | 8 | 49 | 3 | 217,979 | 7,603 | 2,943 | 16,244 |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | 3 | 9 7 | 6 | 21,203 | 172,999 | 61,225 | 390,864 |
| Lower Sacramento | 2 | 7 | 1 | 17,005 | 15,405 | 2,676 | 50,556 |
| Cache Slough LI | 2 | 9 | 0 | 19,815 | 0* | 107 | 4 000 |
| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 7 15 | 1 | 18,212 | 1,352 | 187 | 4,888 |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 15 | 0 | 66,241 | 0* | - | - |

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| Stratum | Number of Sites | Number of Tows | Number Caught | Total Sample Volume | Abundance | Lower Bound | Upper Bound |
| Lower San Joaquin | 4 | 16 | 1 | 39,547 | 4,088 | 563 | 14,801 |
| Southern Delta | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 23 | 112 | 12 | 400,002 | - | - | - |
| Week 9: August 28 - 31, 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Western Delta | 8 | 64 | 0 | 286,386 | 0* | - | _ |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | 4 | 17 | 1 | 34,253 | 10,171 | 1,411 | 36,724 |
| Lower Sacramento | 2 | 7 | 2 | 17,821 | 33,255 | 6,688 | 102,003 |
| Cache Slough LI | 2 | 10 | 0 | 20,386 | 0* | · - | , - |
| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 10 | 0 | 20,328 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 16 | 0 | 68,813 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Lower San Joaquin | 4 | 20 | 0 | 39,244 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Southern Delta | 0 | - | _ | , <u>-</u> | - | _ | _ |
| Total | 24 | 144 | 3 | 487,230 | - | - | - |
| Week 10: September 5 - 8, 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Western Delta | 8 | 47 | 6 | 198,935 | 16,916 | 6,315 | 36,977 |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | $\overset{\circ}{4}$ | 17 | 2 | 30,618 | 22,728 | 5,328 | 64,639 |
| Lower Sacramento | 2 | 10 | 1 | 22,027 | 7,864 | 1,088 | 28,433 |
| Cache Slough LI | 2 | 10 | 0 | 19,644 | 0* | - | 20,100 |
| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 10 | 0 | 20,371 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 16 | 0 | 66,063 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Lower San Joaquin | $\frac{2}{4}$ | 20 | 0 | 33,524 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Southern Delta | 0 | - | - | - | - | _ | _ |
| Total | 24 | 130 | 9 | 391,182 | - | - | - |
| Week 11: September 11 - 14, 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Western Delta | 8 | 53 | 4 | 225,500 | 8,343 | 1,208 | 29,599 |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | $\frac{3}{4}$ | 9 | 4 | 17,502 | 79,514 | 28,175 | 179,512 |
| Lower Sacramento | 2 | 10 | 0 | 21,366 | 0* | 20,175 | 177,312 |
| Cache Slough LI | 2 | 10 | 0 | 15,500 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 10 | 0 | 20,525 | 0* | | _ |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 16 | 0 | 50,705 | 0* | | _ |
| Lower San Joaquin | $\frac{2}{4}$ | 19 | 0 | 32,526 | 0* | | _ |
| Southern Delta | 0 | - | - | 32,320 | - | | _ |
| Total | 24 | 127 | 8 | 383,624 | - | - | - |
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| Week 12: September 18 - 22, 2017 Western Delta | Л | 22 | 2 | 93,657 | 9 0.4E | 2,096 | 25 441 |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | 4 | 23 16 | 2 2 | | 8,945 22,014 | | 25,441 62,606 |
| Lower Sacramento | 4 2 | | 2 17 | 31,611 8,906 | 333,709 | 5,161 103,414 | 62,606 815 802 |
| Cache Slough LI | 2 | 4 10 | | 18,690 | 333,709 0* | 103,414 | 815,802 |
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| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 10 | 0 | 18,869 | U ^s | - | - |

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| | | | | | Estima | te and 95% | % CI |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Stratum | Number of Sites | Number of Tows | Number Caught | Total Sample Volume | Abundance | Lower Bound | Upper Bound |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 16 | 0 | 70,723 | 0* | - | - |
| Lower San Joaquin | 4 | 19 | 0 | 36,574 | 0* | - | - |
| Southern Delta | 4 | 31 | 0 | 108,815 | 0* | - | - |
| Total | 24 | 129 | 21 | 387,845 | 364,668 | 124,099 | 843,706 |
| Week 13: September 25 - 29, 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Western Delta | 4 | 32 | 0 | 109,882 | 0* | - | - |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | 3 | 13 | 2 | 26,026 | 26,741 | 6,266 | 76,068 |
| Lower Sacramento | 2 | 7 | 1 | 15,525 | 12,575 | 1,701 | 45,866 |
| Cache Slough LI | 2 | 10 | 0 | 28,028 | 0* | _ | - |
| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 9 | 0 | 17,760 | 0* | _ | - |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 16 | 0 | 61,901 | 0* | - | - |
| Lower San Joaquin | 4 | 19 | 1 | 34,256 | 4,740 | 655 | 17,137 |
| Southern Delta | 4 | 32 | 0 | 95,339 | 0* | _ | - |
| Total | 23 | 138 | 4 | 388,718 | 44,055 | 14,720 | 103,053 |
| Week 14: October 2 - 5, 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Western Delta | 3 | 11 | 1 | 44,477 | 9,417 | 1,302 | 34,051 |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | 4 | 20 | 0 | 40,507 | 0* | · - | · - |
| Lower Sacramento | 2 | 8 | 1 | 16,299 | 10,629 | 1,471 | 38,422 |
| Cache Slough LI | 2 | 10 | 0 | 24,411 | 0* | · - | · - |
| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 10 | 0 | 20,737 | 0* | _ | - |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 16 | 0 | 52,640 | 0* | _ | - |
| Lower San Joaquin | 4 | 20 | 0 | 41,833 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Southern Delta | $\overline{4}$ | 32 | 0 | 98,325 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Total | 23 | 127 | 2 | 339,228 | 20,046 | 4,687 | 57,087 |
| Week 15: October 10 - 13, 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Western Delta | 1 | 9 | 0 | 32,999 | 0* | _ | - |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | 4 | 18 | 1 | 36,085 | 9,645 | 1,336 | 34,848 |
| Lower Sacramento | 2 | 5 | 38 | 9,104 | 915,343 | 145,602 | 3,121,952 |
| Cache Slough LI | 2 | 10 | 0 | 17,995 | 0* | · - | - |
| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 10 | 0 | 19,322 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 16 | 0 | 57,040 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Lower San Joaquin | $\overline{4}$ | 20 | 0 | 40,135 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Southern Delta | $\overset{1}{4}$ | 32 | 0 | 107,042 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Total | 21 | 120 | 39 | 319,723 | 924,988 | 149,608 | 3,132,265 |
| Week 16: October 16 - 20, 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Western Delta | 4 | 33 | 0 | 127,873 | 0* | _ | - |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | 4 | 19 | 1 | 35,052 | 9,928 | 1,375 | 35,876 |
| Lower Sacramento | 2 | 10 | 0 | 19,402 | 0* | - | - |
| Cache Slough LI | 2 | 10 | 0 | 18,257 | 0* | - | - |

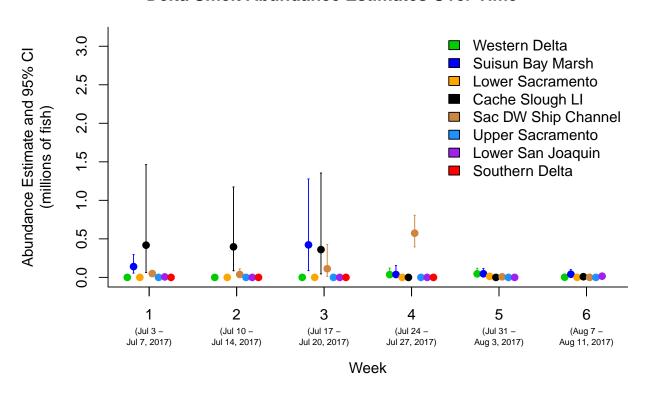
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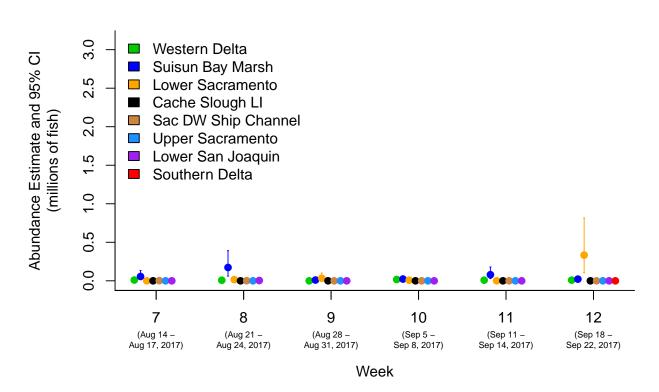
| | | | | | Estimate and 95% CI | | |
|--|-----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Stratum | Number of Sites | Number of Tows | Number Caught | Total Sample Volume | Abundance | Lower Bound | Upper Bound |
| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 10 | 0 | 18,423 | 0* | - | - |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 16 | 0 | 62,510 | 0* | - | - |
| Lower San Joaquin | 4 | 20 | 0 | 43,706 | 0* | - | - |
| Southern Delta | 4 | 28 | 0 | 93,051 | 0* | - | - |
| Total | 24 | 146 | 1 | 418,274 | 9,928 | 1,375 | 35,876 |
| Week 17: October 23 - 26, 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Western Delta | 4 | 28 | 0 | 102,385 | 0* | - | - |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | 4 | 17 | 1 | 29,816 | 11,670 | 1,613 | 42,199 |
| Lower Sacramento | 2 | 7 | 1 | 19,124 | 18,325 | 3,131 | 60,580 |
| Cache Slough LI | 2 | 10 | 0 | 22,705 | 0* | - | - |
| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 10 | 0 | 25,349 | 0* | - | - |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 16 | 0 | 57,696 | 0* | - | - |
| Lower San Joaquin | 4 | 20 | 0 | 39,602 | 0* | - | - |
| Southern Delta | 4 | 24 | 0 | 94,972 | 0* | - | - |
| Total | 24 | 132 | 2 | 391,650 | 29,994 | 7,664 | 81,570 |
| Week 18: October 30 - November 2, 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Western Delta | 4 | 32 | 0 | 131,149 | 0* | - | - |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | 4 | 18 | 1 | 36,260 | 9,595 | 1,327 | 34,693 |
| Lower Sacramento | 2 | 10 | 0 | 21,340 | 0* | - | - |
| Cache Slough LI | 2 | 10 | 0 | 21,209 | 0* | - | - |
| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 10 | 0 | 21,136 | 0* | - | - |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 16 | 0 | 60,716 | 0* | - | _ |
| Lower San Joaquin | 4 | 19 | 0 | 46,177 | 0* | - | - |
| Southern Delta | 4 | 32 | 0 | 134,672 | 0* | - | - |
| Total | 24 | 147 | 1 | 472,658 | 9,595 | 1,327 | 34,693 |
| Week 19: November 6 - 9, 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Western Delta | 4 | 30 | 0 | 131,240 | 0* | - | - |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | 4 | 20 | 0 | 39,739 | 0* | - | - |
| Lower Sacramento | 2 | 9 | 1 | 21,158 | 8,186 | 1,132 | 29,596 |
| Cache Slough LI | 2 | 10 | 0 | 18,834 | 0* | - | - |
| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 10 | 0 | 22,079 | 0* | - | - |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 16 | 0 | 59,605 | 0* | - | - |
| Lower San Joaquin | 4 | 18 | 0 | 39,752 | 0* | - | - |
| Southern Delta | 4 | 32 | 0 | 125,541 | 0* | - | - |
| Total | 24 | 145 | 1 | 457,948 | 8,186 | 1,132 | 29,596 |
| Week 20: November 13 - 16, 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Western Delta | 6 | 43 | 0 | 137,188 | 0* | - | - |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | 2 | 10 | 0 | 18,395 | 0* | - | - |
| Lower Sacramento | 2 | 10 | 0 | 23,864 | 0* | - | - |

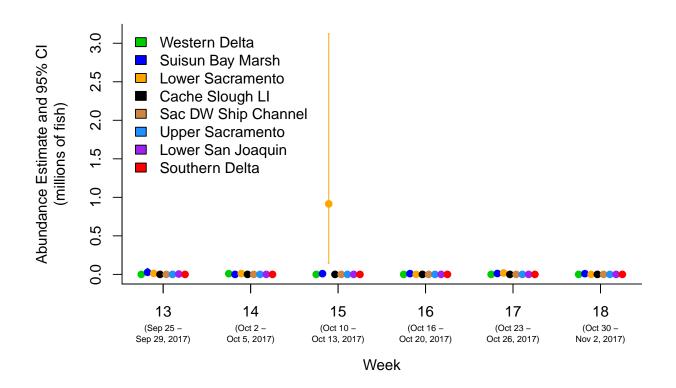
Table 1: Delta smelt catch summary and abundance estimates by week. An asterisk (*) is used to emphasize weeks when no delta smelt were caught and a dash (-) is used to indicate that sampling did not occur or that a quantity could not be calculated. In order to avoid confusion, weekly totals are currently only calculated when sampling has occurred in every stratum. Sample volumes are in cubic meters. Values in blue use a stratified ratio-expanded estimation method that does not account for EDSM's stopping rules.

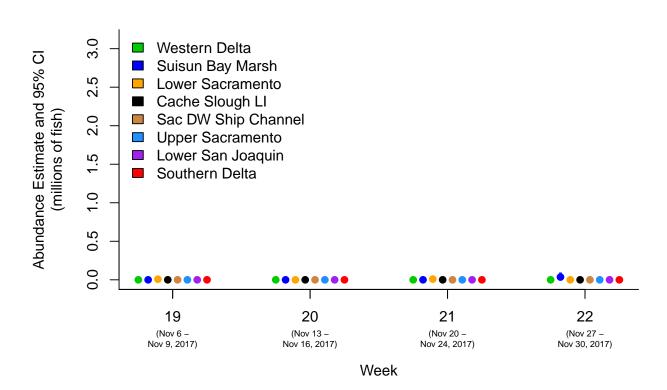
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|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Stratum | Number of Sites | Number of Tows | Number Caught | Total Sample Volume | Abundance | Lower Bound | Upper Bound |
| Cache Slough LI | 2 | 10 | 0 | 20,205 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 10 | 0 | 23,052 | 0* | _ | _ |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 16 | 0 | 61,168 | 0* | - | - |
| Lower San Joaquin | 4 | 20 | 0 | 36,524 | 0* | - | - |
| Southern Delta | 4 | 32 | 0 | 112,492 | 0* | - | - |
| Total | 24 | 151 | 0 | 432,888 | 0* | - | - |
| Week 21: November 20 - 24, 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Western Delta | 4 | 32 | 0 | 125,162 | 0* | - | - |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | 4 | 20 | 0 | 37,100 | 0* | - | - |
| Lower Sacramento | 2 | 8 | 1 | 18,672 | 9,276 | 1,282 | 33,541 |
| Cache Slough LI | 3 | 11 | 0 | 18,927 | 0* | - | - |
| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 10 | 0 | 17,464 | 0* | - | - |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 16 | 0 | 59,600 | 0* | - | - |
| Lower San Joaquin | 4 | 20 | 0 | 38,037 | 0* | - | - |
| Southern Delta | 4 | 32 | 0 | 105,574 | 0* | - | - |
| Total | 25 | 149 | 1 | 420,537 | 9,276 | 1,282 | 33,541 |
| Week 22: November 27 - 30, 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Western Delta | 4 | 32 | 0 | 138,783 | 0* | - | - |
| Suisun Bay Marsh | 4 | 14 | 3 | 29,107 | 35,862 | 10,855 | 88,861 |
| Lower Sacramento | 2 | 10 | 0 | 21,161 | 0* | - | - |
| Cache Slough LI | 2 | 10 | 0 | 20,063 | 0* | - | - |
| Sac DW Ship Channel | 2 | 10 | 0 | 17,697 | 0* | - | - |
| Upper Sacramento | 2 | 17 | 0 | 71,754 | 0* | - | - |
| Lower San Joaquin | 5 | 21 | 0 | 39,015 | 0* | - | - |
| Southern Delta | 4 | 32 | 0 | 88,085 | 0* | - | - |
| Total | 25 | 146 | 3 | 425,665 | 35,862 | 10,855 | 88,861 |

Delta Smelt Abundance Estimates Over Time



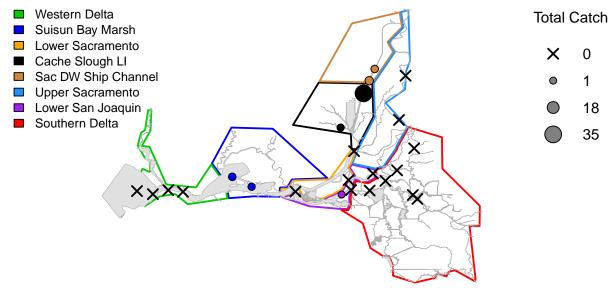




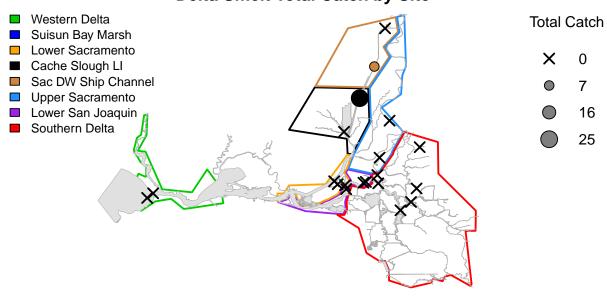


Week 1 (Jul 3 - Jul 7, 2017)



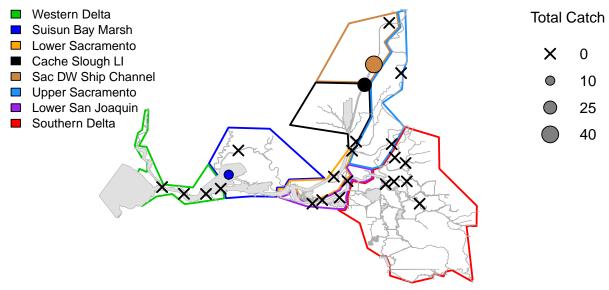


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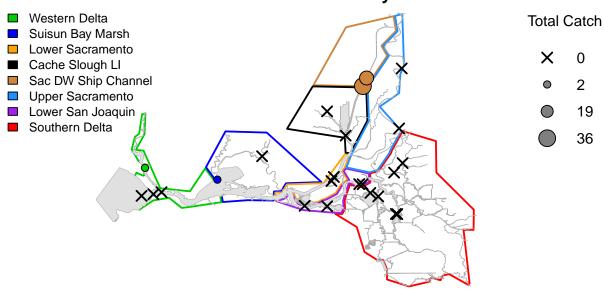


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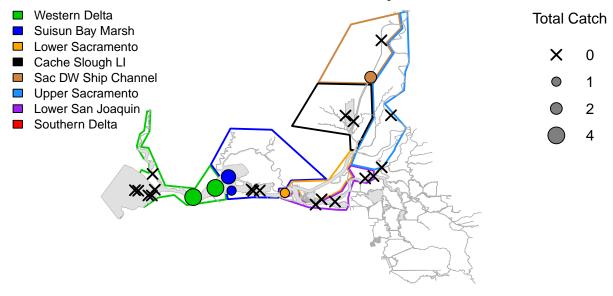


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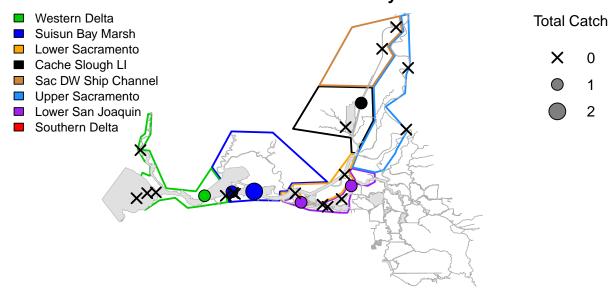


Week 5 (Jul 31 - Aug 3, 2017)

Delta Smelt Total Catch by Site

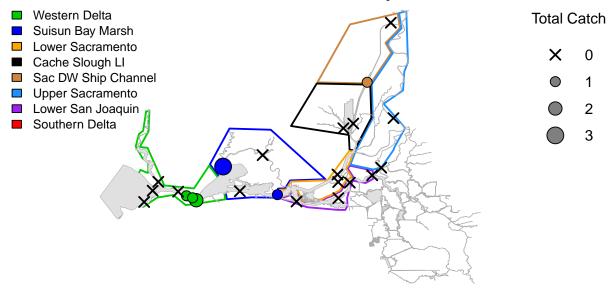


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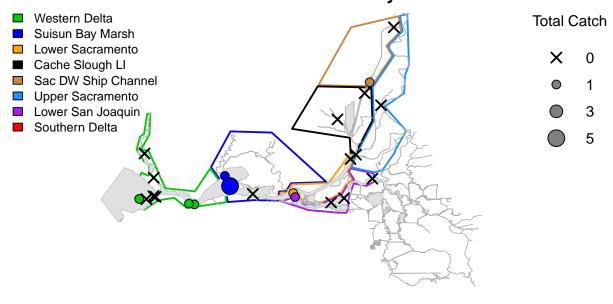


Week 7 (Aug 14 - Aug 17, 2017)

Delta Smelt Total Catch by Site

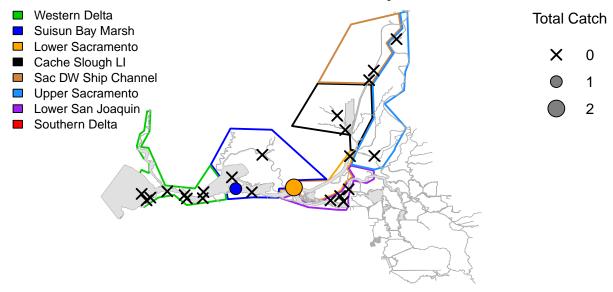


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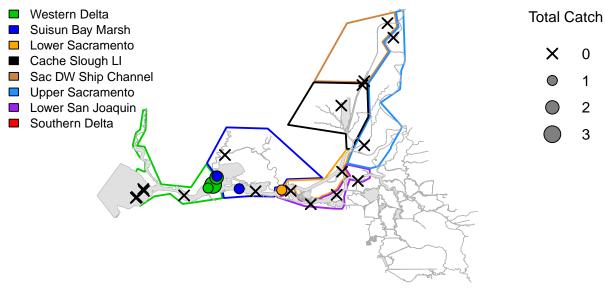


Week 9 (Aug 28 - Aug 31, 2017)

Delta Smelt Total Catch by Site

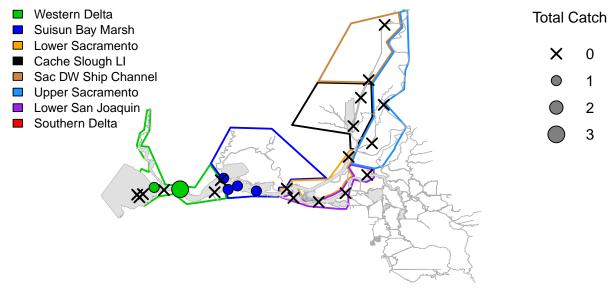


Week 10 (Sep 5 - Sep 8, 2017)

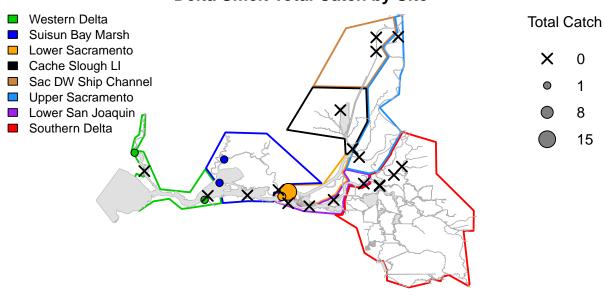


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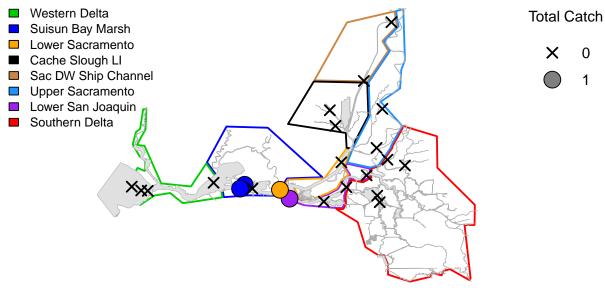


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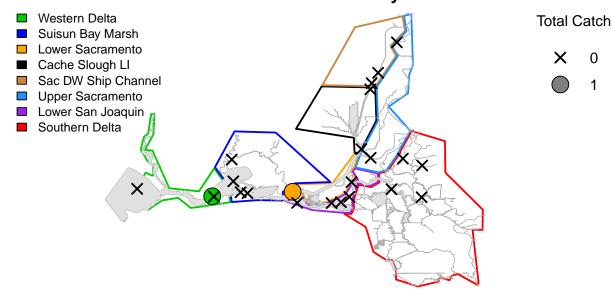


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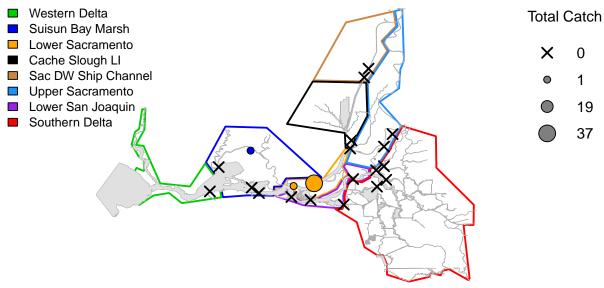


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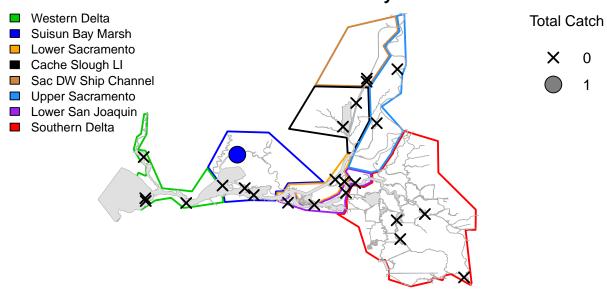


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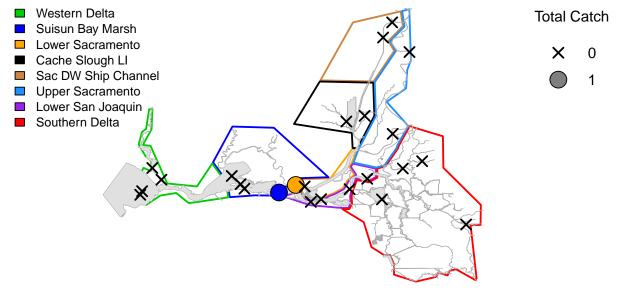


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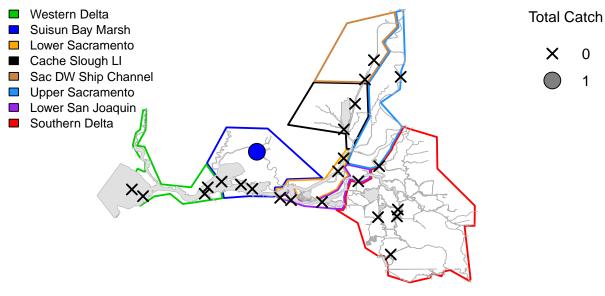


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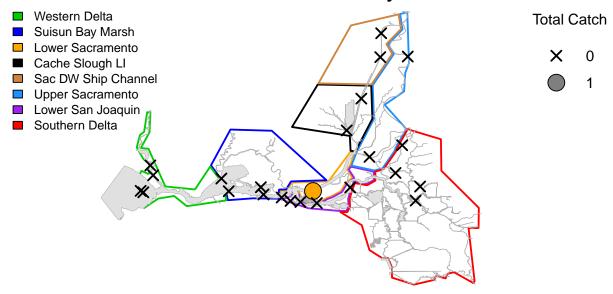


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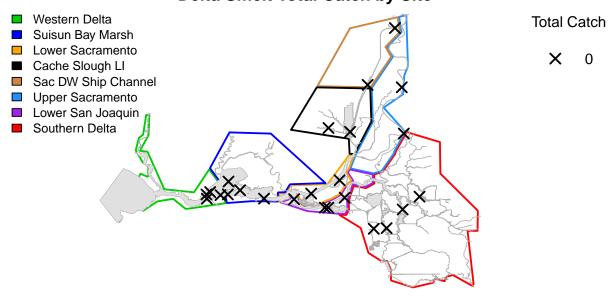


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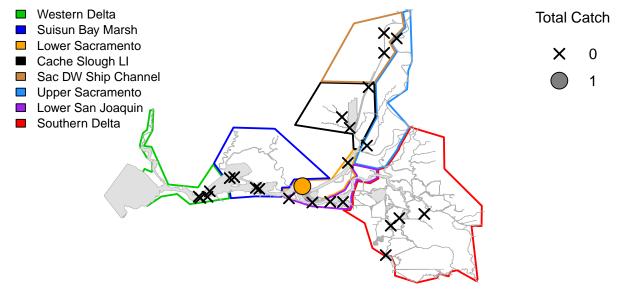


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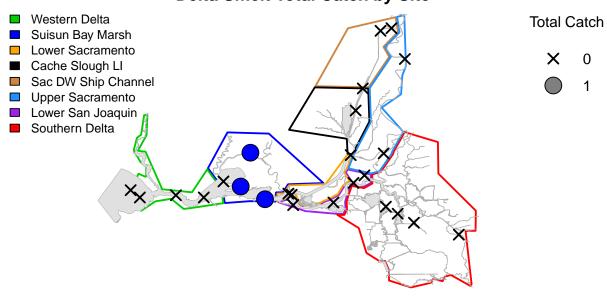


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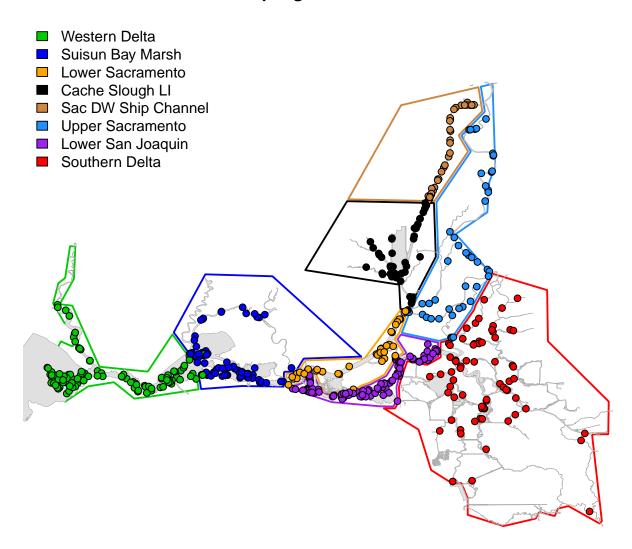
Delta Smelt Total Catch by Site



Week 22 (Nov 27 - Nov 30, 2017)



All Sampling Locations To Date



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